

**United States District Court**  
**Western District of Texas**  
**El Paso Division**

**INITIAL APPEARANCE / PLEA AND SENTENCE**

**Case Number: EP:19-M -00255(1) MAT**

DEFENDANT'S NAME:  
 Joel Antonio Molina-Rios

ATTY FOR DEFENDANT:  
 John Lee Granberg

JUDGE: MIGUEL A. TORRES  
 DEPUTY CLERK: Rita R Velez  
 COURT REPORTER: ERO

AUSA: Michelle Winters  
 INTERPRETER: ☒ Yes ☐ No  
 PROB. OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 PRETRIAL OFFICER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 TIME: 0 Minutes 2:37 - 3:04

DATE: January 09, 2019

**PROCEEDINGS**

**DFT NO.**

[DftNo1]

[DftNo2]

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	INITIAL APPEARANCE HELD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	ARRAIGNMENT HELD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	DFT INFORMED OF RIGHTS/oral consent to plea	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GUILTY DEFT [DftNo1] COUNT(S): <u>COMPLAINT</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	GUILTY PLEA ACCEPTED BY THE COURT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Information Filed On _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Motion to Dismiss Complaint filed on _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Court Grants Motion to Dismiss on _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Order Dismissing Complaint entered on _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oral Motion by AUSA to Remit Special Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Oral Order Granting Oral Motion to Remit Special Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	SENTENCING HELD: Defendant sentenced to <b>Time Served</b> ; No Fine; S/A REMITTED.		

OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, EL PASO DIVISION**

FILED  
01/09/2019  
Clerk, U.S. District Court  
Western District of Texas

By: RRV  
Deputy

USA  
vs.  
(1) JOEL ANTONIO MOLINA-RIOS

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§ CRIMINAL COMPLAINT  
§ CASE NUMBER: EP:19-M -00255(1) - MAT  
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I, the undersigned complainant being duly sworn state the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. On or about **01/05/2019** in **El Paso** county, in the **WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS** defendant did, being an alien to the United States, knowingly enter and attempt to enter the United States at a time and place other than as designated by immigration officers in violation of Title **8** United States Code, Section(s) **1325(a)(1)**.

I further state that I am a(n) **Border Patrol Agent** and that this complaint is based on the following facts: *"The DEFENDANT, Joel Antonio MOLINA-Rios, an alien to the United States and a citizen of El Salvador, entered the United States from the Republic of Mexico on January 05, 2019, approximately 5 miles east of the Bridge of the Americas Port of Entry in El Paso, Texas, in the Western District of Texas. The place where the DEFENDANT entered is not designated as a Port of Entry by immigration officers."*

Continued on the attached sheet and made a part of hereof:

☒ Yes ☐ No

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Complainant  
Munoz, Saul  
Border Patrol Agent

01/09/2019  
File Date

at EL PASO, Texas  
City and State

MIGUEL A. TORRES  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

  
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Signature of Judicial Officer

CONTINUATION OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

(1) JOEL ANTONIO MOLINA-RIOS

FACTS (CONTINUED)

The DEFENDANT, Joel Antonio MOLINA-Rios, an alien to the United States and a citizen of El Salvador, entered the United States from the Republic of Mexico on January 05, 2019, approximately 5 miles east of the Bridge of the Americas Port of Entry in El Paso, Texas, in the Western District of Texas. The place where the DEFENDANT entered is not designated as a Port of Entry by immigration officers.

Because this Affidavit is being submitted for the limited purpose of establishing probable cause as set forth herein, I have not included each and every fact known to me concerning this investigation.

IMMIGRATION HISTORY:

NONE

CRIMINAL HISTORY:

NONE

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vs.

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*Defendant*

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**ORDER APPOINTING COUNSEL**

The above Defendant has testified under oath, or has otherwise satisfied this Court that he or she is financially unable to employ counsel, and does not wish to waive counsel.

Therefore, in the interests of justice, John Lee Granberg, is hereby appointed, pursuant to the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act, to represent said Defendant in this case.

This appointment shall remain in effect until further order of the Court.

It is, accordingly, so **ORDERED** this the 9th day of January, 2019.

  
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MIGUEL A. TORRES  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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**ORDER SETTING INITIAL APPEARANCE/PLEA & SENTENCE**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the above entitled and numbered case is set before the **HONORABLE U.S. MAGISTRATE MIGUEL A. TORRES** for **INITIAL APPEARANCE/PLEA & SENTENCE**, **January 09, 2019 at 02:30 PM** in **Magistrate Courtroom, Room 712**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of Court shall send a copy of this order to the defendant, counsel for defendant, the United States Attorney, U.S. Pretrial Services, United States Probation Office, and any surety or custodian, if applicable. Further, counsel for the defendant shall notify the defendant of this setting. If the defendant is on bond, he/she shall be present.

**IT IS SO ORDERED** this **01/09/2019**.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miguel A. Torres", is written over a horizontal line.

**MIGUEL A. TORRES**  
**UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

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**JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**  
**(For A Petty Offense) - Short Form**

The defendant, Joel Antonio Molina-Rios, was represented by counsel, John Lee Granberg.

The defendant pled guilty to the complaint on January 09, 2019. Accordingly, the defendant is adjudged guilty of the following offense(s):

<u>Title &amp; Section</u>	<u>Nature of Offense</u>	<u>Date of Offense</u>
8 USC 1325(a)(1)	IMPROPER ENTRY BY AN ALIEN	January 05, 2019

As pronounced on January 09, 2019, the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons for a term of **Time Served**. The defendant shall remain in custody pending service of sentence.

The special assessment imposed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3013 is hereby remitted pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3573 because reasonable efforts to collect this assessment are not likely to be effective.

Signed this the 9th day of January, 2019.

  
MIGUEL A. TORRES  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE